



# CITY OF LODI

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

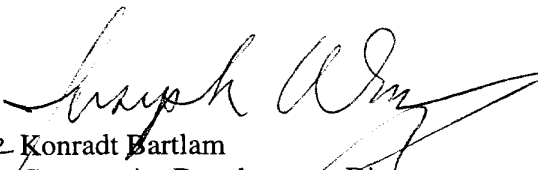
AGENDA TITLE: Continue public hearing until December 18, 2002 to consider the appeal from Neumiller & Beardslee, on behalf of Legends Unlimited, regarding the Planning Commission's decision to revoke Use Permit No. 99-02 for Legends Unlimited.

MEETING DATE: October 16, 2002

PREPARED BY: Community Development Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council continue the public hearing until December 18, 2002 to consider the appeal from Neumiller & Beardslee, on behalf of Legends Unlimited, regarding the Planning Commission's decision to revoke Use Permit No. 99-02 for Legends Unlimited.

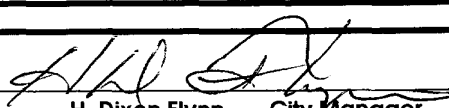
FUNDING: None required

  
FOR ~~Konradt Bartlam~~  
Community Development Director

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Attachment

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

  
H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager

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October 8, 2002

Via U.S. Mail and Fax

Lisa Wagner  
Community Development Dept.  
City of Lodi  
P.O. Box 3006  
Lodi, CA 95241-1910

Re: Legends Unlimited, Inc./Appeal Hearing for Revocation of Use Permit

Dear Ms. Wagner:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of October 7, 2002, this is to confirm that, on behalf of my client, Legends Unlimited, Inc., I will be requesting that the Lodi City Council grant a continuance of the appeal hearing, currently scheduled for October 16, 2002, for the above-referenced matter.

As we discussed, the close of escrow for the sale of the business can only occur, pursuant to the requirements of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, on or after the date on which the liquor license is transferred to the buyer. Thus, in light of the 30 - 60 day time period necessary to effectuate a transfer of liquor license, I will specifically be requesting that the hearing regarding the above-referenced matter be set for the City Council's meeting of December 18, 2002. Pursuant to the agreement executed with the new buyer, Legends will not be operating after October 11, 2002.

I will also formally make the foregoing continuance request to the City Council by written letter. As I will be on vacation during the week of October 14, 2002, another attorney from this office will be appearing at the hearing on October 16, 2002 to address any questions that the City Council may have regarding the continuance request.

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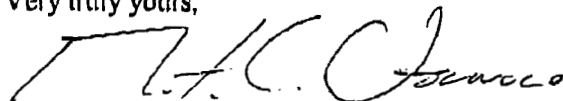
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Lisa Wagner  
October 8, 2002  
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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A. L. Vignolo", written over a horizontal line.

ANTHONY L. VIGNOLO  
Attorney-at-Law

ALV:cln



## **CITY OF LODI**

**Carnegie Forum  
305 West Pine Street, Lodi**

### **NOTICE OF CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING**

**Date: OCTOBER 16, 2002**

**Time: 7:00 p.m.**

*For information regarding this notice please contact:*

**Susan J. Blackston**

**City Clerk**

**Telephone: (209) 333-6702**

### **NOTICE OF CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the August 21, 2002 public hearing of the City Council of the City of Lodi to consider public comments / testimony regarding an appeal from Neumiller & Beardslee, on behalf of Legends Unlimited, regarding the Planning Commission's decision to revoke Use Permit No.99-02 for Legends Unlimited, has been **continued to Wednesday, October 16, 2002**, at the hour of 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard in the Lodi City Council Chambers, Carnegie Forum, 305 W. Pine Street, Lodi, California.

Posted August 22, 2002

**SUSAN J. BLACKSTON  
CITY CLERK  
of the City of Lodi**

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DECLARATION OF POSTING  
NOTICE OF CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LODI

I, Susan J. Blackston, hereby certify that on August 22, 2002 I posted "NOTICE OF CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LODI TO CONSIDER CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING TO OCTOBER 16, 2002 TO CONSIDER APPEAL REGARDING USE PERMIT 99-02 REVOCATION, LEGENDS UNLIMITED", near the Council Chamber door; that said Notice remained posted until after the hour set for said hearing, as shown on said Notice.


A copy of said "NOTICE OF CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING" as posted near the Council Chamber door, is shown on the attached and is made a part of this Certificate of Posting.

Dated: August 22, 2002  
(Date Posted - Must be within 24 hours)

**ORDERED BY:**

SUSAN J. BLACKSTON  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF LODI

**ORDERED BY:**

  
PATRICIA OCHOA  
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## **DECLARATION OF POSTING**

### **CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING TO OCTOBER 16, 2002 TO CONSIDER APPEAL REGARDING USE PERMIT 99-02 REVOCATION, LEGENDS UNLIMITED.**

On Thursday, August 22, 2002 in the City of Lodi, San Joaquin County, California, a copy of the continued Public Hearing to consider appeal regarding Legends Unlimited (attached hereto, marked Exhibit "A") was posted at the following four locations:

Lodi Public Library  
Lodi City Clerk's Office  
Lodi City Hall Lobby  
Lodi Carnegie Forum

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on August 22, 2002 at Lodi, California.

ORDERED BY:

**SUSAN J. BLACKSTON  
CITY CLERK**


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Deputy City Clerk

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**RE: CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING – OCTOBER 16, 2002  
TO CONSIDER APPEAL REGARDING USE PERMIT 99-02 REVOCATION,  
LEGENDS UNLIMITED, INC.**

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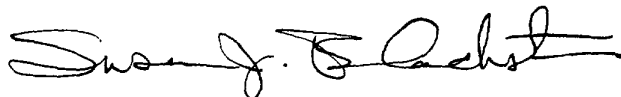
This letter is to notify you that the public hearing on August 21, 2002 was opened and continued to **Wednesday, October 16, 2002, at 7:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at the Carnegie Forum, 305 W. Pine Street, Lodi.

The hearing is being held to consider your appeal on behalf of Legends Unlimited, Inc. and owner Jacqueline Brown, of the Planning Commission's decision on July 10, 2002 to revoke Use Permit No. 99-22.

If you challenge the proposed action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.  
*Note: Written correspondence for the City Council may be mailed in c/o the City Clerk's Office, P.O. Box 3006, Lodi, CA 95241-1910, or delivered to the City Clerk at 221 West Pine Street, Lodi, California.*

Should you have any questions, please contact Community Improvement Director Rad Bartlam in the Community Development Department at (209) 333-6823.

Sincerely,



Susan J. Blackston  
City Clerk

SJB/PO  
cc: Jacqueline Brown, Legends Unlimited  
Community Development Director



**DECLARATION OF MAILING**  
**LETTER TO APPELLANT**

**CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING TO OCTOBER 16, 2002**  
**TO CONSIDER APPEAL REGARDING USE PERMIT 99-02 REVOCATION, LEGENDS**  
**UNLIMITED**

On August 22, 2002, in the City of Lodi, San Joaquin County, California, I deposited in the United States mail, envelopes with first-class postage prepaid thereon, and additionally, United States certified mail envelopes with first-class postage prepaid thereon and indication of return receipt requested, containing a letter of notification, a copy of which is attached hereto, marked Exhibit "A"; said envelopes were addressed as is more particularly shown on Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

There is a regular daily communication by mail between the City of Lodi, California, and the places to which said envelopes were addressed.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on August 22, 2002, at Lodi, California.

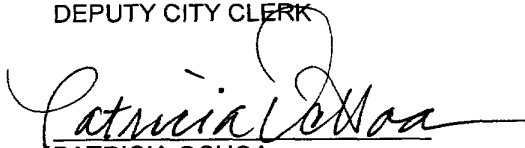
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**CITY CLERK, CITY OF LODI**

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**RE: CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING – DECEMBER 18, 2002  
TO CONSIDER APPEAL REGARDING USE PERMIT 99-02 REVOCATION,  
LEGENDS UNLIMITED, INC.**

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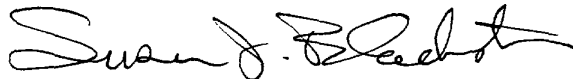
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SJB/JLT

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**DECLARATION OF MAILING**  
**LETTER TO APPELLANT**

**CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING TO DECEMBER 18, 2002 TO CONSIDER APPEAL**  
**REGARDING USE PERMIT 99-02 REVOCATION, LEGENDS UNLIMITED**

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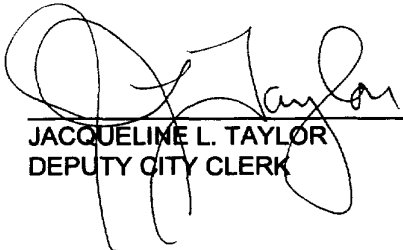
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**APPEAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION DECISION, LEGENDS UNLIMITED**

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## CITY OF LODI

Carnegie Forum  
305 West Pine Street, Lodi

### NOTICE OF CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING

Date: December 18, 2002

Time: 7:00 p.m.

For information regarding this notice please contact:

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Posted October 17, 2002

SUSAN J. BLACKSTON  
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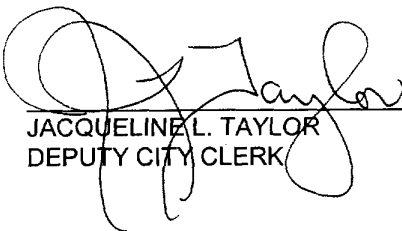
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**Via Fax and U.S. Mail**

Councilmembers  
Lodi City Council  
c/o City Clerk's Office  
P.O. Box 3006  
Lodi, CA 95241-1910

Re: Appeal of Planning Commission Decision/  
Revocation of Use Permit of Legends Unlimited, Inc.

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Dear Councilmembers:

My client, Legends Unlimited, Inc. ("Legends"), is respectfully requesting a continuance of the hearing on the above-referenced matter, currently scheduled for October 16, 2002, to a date certain of December 18, 2002.

Last week, Jackie Brown, sole shareholder of Legends, entered into a contract for the purchase and sale of the assets of Legends with Bruce Viel and John Denigris. Mr. Denigris is the current owner of the Habanero Hots restaurant in Lodi, and intends on renovating the kitchen and restaurant facilities of Legends.

Pursuant to the purchase agreement, Legends will cease operations beginning October 11, 2002 and will be closed until the close of escrow for the sale of the assets and liquor license. Pursuant to requirements of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, close of escrow for the assets must coincide with the close of escrow for the liquor license, which cannot occur for approximately 30 - 45 days from the date that the application to transfer the liquor license is submitted. Accordingly, the parties expect that escrow will close on or before December 18, 2002.

For obvious reasons, my client does not wish to withdraw the pending appeal until escrow for the sale of the assets and liquor license closes and the transfer is completed. In light of the foregoing, and considering that Legends will not be operating after October 11, 2002, we hope that the Council agrees that my client's

Councilmembers  
October 9, 2002  
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request for a continuance of the above-referenced appeal hearing to a date certain of December 18, 2002, is appropriate.

Although I will be on vacation during the week of October 14, 2002, an attorney from this office will be attending the hearing on October 16, 2002 to address any questions that the Council may have regarding my client's continuance request. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. The Council's continuing patience and cooperation is appreciated.

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